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John G. Rogers,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Colorado River Irrigation Project, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed irrigation operation and maintenance rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to adjust the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Colorado River Irrigation Project for the CY 2000 irrigation season.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustment. Comments must be submitted on or before September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rate adjustment must be in writing and addressed to: Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Attn.: Irrigation and Power, MS 4513-MIB, Code 210, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 208-5480.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, Arizona 85001; Telephone (602) 379-6956.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with §§ 171.1(e) and 171.1(g) of part 171, Subchapter H, Chapter 1, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for fixing and announcing the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of Bureau of Indian Affairs irrigation projects.

The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the

irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance mean the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

- (a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management/control;
- (b) Materials and supplies;
- (c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;
- (d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;
- (e) Capitalization expenses;
- (f) Acquisition expenses; and
- (g) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30 days after the due date, interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt; a penalty charge of 6 percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts over 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. No water shall be delivered to any farm unit until all irrigation charges have been paid. After 180 days a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134).

Rate Adjustment

The following table illustrates the impact of the rate adjustment:

COLORADO RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT, IRRIGATION RATE PER ASSESSABLE ACRE

	Present 1999	Proposed 2000
Up to 5 acre-feet/acre.	\$36.00	\$38.50.
Excess Water/acre-foot.	\$17.00	Unchanged.

Executive Order 12988

The Department has certified to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that this rate adjustment meets the applicable standards provided in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

Executive Order 12866

This rate adjustment is not a significant regulatory action and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rate making is not a rule for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because it is "a rule of particular applicability relating to rates." 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

Executive Order 12630

The Department has determined that this rate adjustment does not have significant "takings" implications.

Executive Order 12612

The Department has determined that this rate adjustment does not have significant Federalism effects because it pertains solely to Federal-tribal relations and will not interfere with the roles, rights, and responsibilities of states.

NEPA Compliance

The Department has determined that this rate adjustment does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This rate adjustment does not contain collections of information requiring approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

This rate adjustment imposes no unfunded mandates on any governmental or private entity and is in compliance with the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995.

Dated: July 15, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-320-1990-02-24 1A; OMB Approval Number 1004-0169]

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) On April 27, 1999, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 22639) requesting comment on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on June 28, 1999. BLM received no comments from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0169), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630),

1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Use and Occupancy (43 CFR 3715, OMB approval number: 1004-0169).

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to renew the approval of an information collection for an existing rule at 43 CFR 3715. It defines acceptable, reasonably incident use and occupancy of unpatented mining claims and mill sites on Federal lands. The rule provides field managers with the tools necessary to manage existing and proposed use and occupancy. The rule defines those activities that are reasonably incident to prospecting, mining, or processing operations. The rule establishes conditions for determining whether these criteria are met, procedures for initiation of occupancy, standards for the use or occupancy, prohibited acts, procedures for inspection and enforcement. It established procedures for recognizing and managing existing occupancies. It would also provide for penalties and appeals procedures. The rules only applies to public land under

the administration of the Bureau of Land Management.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Description of Respondents:

Respondents are mining claimants and operators of prospecting, exploration, mining, and processing operations.

Estimated completion time: 2 hour(s).

Annual Responses: 280.

Annual Burden Hours: 560.

Collection Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, 202-452-0367.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations in the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Publication of revised Outer Continental Shelf leasing maps and official protraction diagrams.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective with this publication, the following Louisiana and Texas Leasing Maps and Protraction Diagrams last revised on the date indicated, are on file and available for information only, in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Regional Office, New Orleans, Louisiana. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, these official Protraction Diagrams are the basic record for the description of mineral and oil and gas lease sales in the geographic areas they represent.

REVISED MAPS

	Latest revision date
Leasing maps:	
1 West Cameron Area West Addition, LA1A	May 30, 1997.
1 West Cameron Area South Addition, LA1B	May 30, 1997.
2 South Timbalier Area, LA6	December 30, 1994.
2 Bay Marchand Area, LA6C	December 30, 1994.
1, 2 Sabine Pass Area, LA12	May 30, 1997.
4 South Padre Island Area East Addition, TX1A	September 9, 1998.
1 High Island Area East Addition, TX7A	May 30, 1997.
1, 3 High Island Area South Addition, TX7B	March 15, 1999.
1, 3 High Island Area East Addition South Extension, TX7C	March 15, 1999.
1, 2 Sabine pass Area, TX8	May 30, 1997.
Official protraction diagrams:	
4 Port Isabel, NG14-06	September 9, 1998.
1, 3 Garden Banks, NG15-02	March 15, 1999.
4 Alimos Canyon, NG15-04	September 9, 1998.